

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 5-7, 12, and 17-19 are pending and under consideration. Claims 3 and 15 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended. Claims 8-11 and 22-26 are withdrawn from consideration.

Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites the detergent dissolving unit which comprises a control unit to operate the pump according to preset ON/OFF periods to reciprocate the water and the detergent contained in the lower portion of the water tub between the water tub and the detergent dissolution pipe.

However, Euler discusses mixing of the detergent with wash water by recirculating the solution in a loop. The Examiner's attention is drawn to col. 5, lines 25-28 of the references.

In discussing "recirculating the solution in a loop," Euler states that the concentrated detergent solution is "forced through the clothes load and through the basket holes." This shows that the movement of the solution is continuous. (col. 6, lines 45-47). However, claim 1 recites reciprocation. An advantage of the invention of claim 1 as compared to Euler is enhanced detergent dissolving. The reciprocating the solution involves backward and forward function rather than continuous flow of the solution. (See present paragraph 36).

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

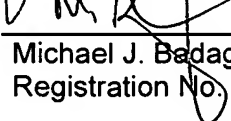
There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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